



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held December 16, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“On December 15 through December 17, 2003, approximately 12,000 Los Angeles County area students from the Fourth District will attend the premiere screening of the movie ‘Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,’ at the Norwalk AMC Theatres. The students were part of the Operation Read Literacy program ‘Reading With a Purpose to Gain a Dream’ sponsored by: New Line Cinema; AMC Norwalk Theaters; Variety; The Children’s Charity; Houghton-Mifflin Company; Ballentine Books; the Lakers Foundation; British Petroleum; Toyota Motor Sales USA; Southern California Gas Company; ABC Spark of Love, American General Finance; Hyundai Motor American; Air Tahiti Nui; Jeopardy; Abbey Event Services; ABC Unified School District; the New Zealand Consulate General; Newmans South Pacific Vacation; and the Los Angeles County Probation Department along with our County family departments who were instrumental in providing their services to inspire and promote the literacy program vision.

“Using the book, written by J.R.R. Tolkien, and movie as a motivational teaching tool, all students who participated were required to read the book the movie was based upon, write an essay about it, and complete a Webquest. Students of the ABC Unified School District’s Cerritos High School, Tetzlaff Middle School and Ferguson Elementary Schools created a website and ‘Lord of the Rings’ Cable TV show as part of the curricular support for the 12,000 student participants. In 2002, ‘Lord of the Rings’ won Academy Awards in both editing and visual effects.”

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Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Knabe and on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed the week of December 15, 2003, as "Lord of the Rings Week" throughout Los Angeles County and urged everyone to attend the World Premiere screening of the movie, "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King."

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